

JAMES WOODROW MADDOX

Dec. 16, 1913 - Nov. 4, 2003

James Woodrow Maddox, 89, 4501 Mayfield Drive, died 3:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, at North Woods Village. Born Dec. 16, 1913, in Kokomo, he was the son of Charles C. and Clara R. (Milligan) Maddox. On Dec. 31, 1938, he married Betty J. Kollmar and she survives.

He was a 1932 graduate of Kokomo High School, where he was an outstanding football player and was on the varsity basketball team. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of New Mexico in 1939. He attended Ball State University and became an accredited teacher in 1949. He later received a master's degree from Indiana University in Bloomington.

From 1939 to 1948 he served with the Kokomo Fire Department. From 1949 until his retirement in 1977, he was a middle school math and science teacher in Kokomo Center Township Schools, with assignments at Washington, Central, Wallace and Pettit Park Schools.

During World War II, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He received his officers training at Princeton University, his communications training at Harvard and gunner school training at Gulf Port, Miss. He served as communications officer aboard the USS Octorara in the South Pacific.

He was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, the NEA, Howard County Retired Teachers Association, School Masters, American Legion and was a life member of the VFW. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed all college athletics, especially football.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 64 years are two sons, Bob and wife Ann Maddox, and Jimmy Maddox, all of Kokomo; one daughter, Janice and husband Jack Gornall, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Robin Davis, Lexington, Ky., Dawn and husband Michael Regan, and Lance Gornall, all of Ohio, Bobby Maddox, West Lafayette, Megan Maddox, Jimmy Maddox and Mitchell Maddox, all of Kokomo; two great-grandchildren, Lacey Davis and Devin Davis, both of Lexington, Ky.; three brothers, Gene and wife Mary Maddox, Greentown, Floyd and wife Betty Maddox, Kokomo, and Joe and wife Beverly Maddox, Indianapolis; three sisters, Mary and husband Ned Seagrave, Clarabelle Oliver and Lucy Reed, all of Kokomo; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Rod Maddox; and five brothers, Lawrence Maddox, Ed Maddox, Cleo Maddox, Lewis Maddox and Garland Maddox.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, with his nephew, Pastor Greg Reed, officiating. Burial will follow in Crown Point Cemetery with military honors provided by VFW Posts 1152 and 8035. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to First Book of North Central Indiana with envelopes available at the mortuary.

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